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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: UN FOURTH COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: A. USUN 4668; B. RABAT 4729

1. MFA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOS WILL ACTIVELY SUPPORT F POLISARIO'S PETITION TO BE HEARD IN FOURTH COMMITTEE ON GROUNDS THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH UN'S SUPPORT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR F POLISARIO TO BE HEARD IN THE COMMITTEE REPSONSIBLE FOR DECOLONIZATION. GOS BELIEVES THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION AS A PRINCIPLE, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA, WILL SUPPORT F POLISARIO'S PETITION.

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF THREE (IRAN, CUBA AND IVORY COAST) WHICH VISITED SAHARA, ADJACENT COUNTRIES AND SPAIN LAST SPRING TALKED WITH F POLISARIO REPS IN ALGERIA AND HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS F POLISARIO ACTIVITIES DURING SAHARA VISIT. IT MIGHT APPEAR INCONSISTENT FOR FOURTH COMMITTEE TO REFUSE

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A HEARING TO GROUP WHICH HAS BEEN ACCORDED HEARING BY OTHER  
UN GROUP.

3. AS LAST YEAR, A UN VOTE FACES US WITH THE DILEMMA OF  
CHOOSING BETWEEN MOROCCO ON THE ONE HAND AND SPAIN AND  
ALGERIA ON THE OTHER AT A MOMENT OF SOME TENSION OVER THE  
SAHARA. AS RABAT POINTS OUT, A "YES" IS A VOTE AGAINST  
MOROCCO. A NO OR AN ABSTENTION IS LIKELY TO BE  
PERCEIVED AS SIDING AGAINST SPAIN AND ALGERIA. COULD ONE  
WAY OF AVOIDING A CHOICE BETWEEN DISAGREEABLE ALTERNATIVES  
BE TO SUPPORT A HEARING FOR BOTH THE F POLISARIO AND THE  
MOROCCAN-SPONSORED FLUX?

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